

**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT****5 CFR Part 532**

RIN 3206-AH81

**Prevailing Rate Systems; Changes in
Federal Wage System Survey Jobs****AGENCY:** Office of Personnel
Management.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a final rule that will change the Helper (Trades) WG-5 appropriated fund Federal Wage System (FWS) survey job from required to optional, add the word "Heavy" to the name of the Janitor WG-2 FWS survey job, change the title of the Warehouseman WG-5 survey job to Warehouse Worker WG-5, and remove the Boiler Plant Operator WG-9 survey job from the list of optional survey jobs. These changes are being made to make FWS survey jobs more useful survey tools for local wage surveys.

DATES: This regulation is effective on January 10, 2000.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 26, 1999, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a proposed rule (64 FR 20221) to make changes in four Federal Wage System (FWS) survey jobs. The FWS is the pay system for the Federal Government's blue-collar workforce. OPM is engaged in an ongoing project to review the survey job descriptions used by Federal agencies during FWS local wage surveys to determine prevailing rates of pay for FWS employees.

In the past, the Helper (Trades) WG-5 survey job has produced adequate data for use in calculating FWS pay rates in only about one-quarter of the appropriated fund FWS wage areas. Because of this, we are making its use optional rather than required. Also, we are adding the word "Heavy" to the title of the Janitor WG-2 appropriated fund FWS survey job. This will better distinguish the Janitor WG-2 survey job from the Janitor (Light) WG-1 survey job. The Warehouseman WG-5 survey job title is changing to Warehouse Worker WG-5 to modernize the Warehouseman WG-5 survey job title.

Finally, we are removing the Boiler Plant Operator WG-9 survey job from the list of optional survey jobs. The Boiler Plant Operator WG-10 survey job will remain an optional survey job. This

change is being made because only 0.5 percent of FWS employment in WG-9 positions is represented by this survey job, and matching private sector jobs only at the WG-10 journey level will be more consistent with the other survey jobs used in FWS wage surveys.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, the national labor-management committee responsible for advising OPM on matters concerning the pay of FWS employees, has reviewed and concurred by consensus with these changes. The proposed rule provided a 30-day public comment period. We received no comments during this period.

E.O. 12866, Regulatory Review

This rule has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with E.O. 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

I certify that these regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities because they will affect only Federal agencies and employees.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 532

Administrative practice and procedure, Freedom of information, Government employees, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Wages.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,
Director.

Accordingly, the Office of Personnel Management is amending 5 CFR part 532 as follows:

**PART 532—PREVAILING RATE
SYSTEMS**

1. The authority citation for part 532 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 5343, 5346; § 532.707 also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552.

§ 532.217 [Amended]

2. In § 532.217, the table in paragraph (a) is amended by adding the word "(Heavy)" after the Job title "Janitor", by removing the Job title Warehouseman and replacing it with "Warehouse Worker", by removing the Job title and Job grade for "Helper (Trades)" and adding it to the table in paragraph (c) after "Light Vehicle Operator" and the table in paragraph (c) is also amended by removing the Job title "Boiler Plant Operator" and Job grade "9".

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of Thrift Supervision****12 CFR Parts 503, 505, 557, 559, 563,
572**

[No. 99-79]

Technical Amendments

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision,
Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) is amending its regulations to incorporate a number of technical and conforming amendments. OTS is updating statutory references and regulatory cross-references, amending provisions that contain minor drafting errors, and making other minor changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS is amending its regulations to incorporate a number of technical and conforming amendments. Specifically, OTS is amending:

- Part 503—Privacy Act. OTS has updated office names and employee titles.
- Part 505—Freedom of Information Act. OTS has updated office names, employee titles, and references for requesting records by e-mail.
- Part 557—Deposits. OTS has added an inadvertently omitted statutory citation to § 557.11.
- Part 559—Subordinate Organizations. OTS has corrected an erroneous cross-reference to a FDIC regulation requiring savings associations to file a notice before acquiring or establishing a subsidiary or conducting new activities through a subsidiary.
- Part 563—Operations. OTS has clarified that its frequency of examination regulation relates solely to safety and soundness examinations, as opposed to compliance examinations. OTS has also corrected a typographical error in its transactions with affiliates regulations.
- Part 572—Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards. OTS has deleted a cross-reference to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations at 44 CFR Part 65, Appendix